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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before line 1, insert - [This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of prior PCT International Application No. PCT/JP97/03095 which has an International filing date of September 3, 1997 which designated the United States of America.--]